

## FIRST FLOOR BLAZE COSTS EIGHT LIVES

One Hundred Persons Trapped  
by Burning Rubbish in Es-  
sex Street Tenement.

### BUILDING LAWS OBEYED

Chief Kenlon Points Out Defects  
in Ordinance Which Would  
Minimize Such Fires.

Fire trapped 100 persons in the tenement at 99 Essex street at dawn yesterday. Eight are dead and seven are in Gouverneur Hospital recovering. Others were hurt less seriously. The building, according to the records of the Tenement House Department, belonged to Mrs. Clara Newman of 550 West 144th street. The blaze started in rubbish in a closet under the first floor stairs.

**THE DEAD.**  
MRS. HANNAH GAYNER, burned to death in her fifth floor room when she left the fire escape to get her jewelry.  
ISIDORE GAYNER, her twenty-two-year-old son, jumped from the fifth story fire escape.  
MRS. ROSA SCHOEN, burned to death in her fifth floor room.  
MRS. KALIA SCHLESKA, picked up unconscious in rear yard and died in Gouverneur Hospital.  
JACOB BOYERKOSKY, her twenty-year-old son by a former marriage, burned to death with his mother, whom he was found clasping.  
IDA KAPLAN, burned to death near Mrs. Schoen and her son, trying to get to a window.  
MRS. ANNA LEVINE, died at the hospital from burns escaping with her family, all of whom were hurt. One woman unidentified.

The building was very old, but had complied with every requirement of the law. It was last inspected by the Tenement House Department on May 14, and Mrs. Newman was informed that there was no violation of any sort against the building. Some trifling defects were called to her attention last March, but the inspector who came on May 14 found that they had been attended to.

The fire escape ladders were vertical and not slanted flights, but the law allows this on buildings erected prior to 1901. Even on new tenements there is no legal provision to isolate fire escape approaches, so that flames cannot rush from windows and fire the clothing of those huddled on the iron balconies. William H. Abbott, Jr., acting Tenement House Commissioner in the absence of John J. Murphy, said:

"This is a case where we have done all we could under the law and where the owner has fully done her part and yet the house burns, with a considerable loss of life."

"Where we allowed to insist on a fire-proof second story cutting off first floor stores, such as existed in this house, from floors housing families, this kind of disaster could be much minimized. The blaze at 99 Essex street started on the first floor; a fireproof second story might have prevented its spread up. In any case it would so have delayed the course of the fire that those in the upper stories would have had time to escape."

Since the building met the law at every point, Fire Marshal Pratt's inquiry comes down to a question of incendiaryism, no evidence of which was apparent yesterday. Fire Chief Kenlon said after his work was done:

"The fire spread so rapidly that persons on the top floor had no show for their lives. Whenever I hear a second alarm from one of that class of buildings I know there will be loss of life. The Tenement House Department lives up to the strict letter of the law, which does not provide for any particular kind of glass. In consequence the cheap, plain glass gives way at the first blast of heat and another series of flames is created. This law should be changed and made to provide for wired glass that would withstand heat."

### MAY STOP HOSPITAL INQUIRY.

Governor Displeased and Likely to Name New Investigators.

ALBANY, June 10.—Gov. Glynn, Attorney-General Carmody and other State authorities are not pleased with the manner in which the State Hospital Commission has conducted its investigation into conditions of the hospital and the insane generally, especially their inquiry concerning the quality of food supplies. It is said that the State authorities feel that the hospital commission itself is under fire and that reason believe that some persons not connected with the commission ought to conduct the inquiry.

They appear to be of the opinion that the commission has gone out of its way in its attempt to discredit the testimony given by the two Federal inspectors whom the commission itself employed to make the investigation. The charges now under investigation are based upon these reports.

Gov. Glynn is expected to take definite action soon.

### MEMORIAL TO JACOB A. RIIS.

Public Services To-morrow Night in Plymouth Church.

Public services in memory of Jacob A. Riis will be held in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening. It was a special desire on the part of the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis that the services be held. F. W. Hinrichs will preside.

Among the speakers will be Dr. Jani Robbins, head worker of the Jacob A. Riis Settlement, in Henry street; H. W. Hubbard, secretary of the State Board of Charities; Alfred T. White of Brooklyn; Ernest K. Coulter, founder of the Riis Brother movement; and George H. Edgar, editor of the *Saturday Evening Post*, and Mr. Riis.

### ROOT MAKES UNION ADDRESS.

Senator Receives Doctor of Laws Degree From College.

SCHENECTADY, June 10.—Senator Root delivered the chancellor's address at the 11th commencement to-day of Union College. Sixty-one students got degrees. Senator Root received the degree of doctor of laws. Other honorary degrees conferred were:

The Rev. Edwin Wilbur Rice of Philadelphia, Union '54, editor of the *American Sunday School Union*, doctor of literature; the Rev. Wallace Buttrick, New York, secretary of Rockefeller Foundation, doctor of human letters; George Candee Gale, Galesburg, Ill., master of arts.

### Adelphi College Commencement.

The commencement exercises of Adelphi College will be held this evening at 8:15 at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn. The address will be made by the Rev. Charles Carroll Albertson, whose subject will be "The Mission of the Scholar."

## MAYOR MITCHELL AND SECRETARY OF WAR GARRISON TAKE HONORARY DEGREES AT N. Y. UNIVERSITY



SECRETARY OF WAR  
GARRISON and MRS.  
BODMAN.

Class of 642, the Largest in the Institution's History.  
Graduated—Mayor in Address Urges City's  
Need of Vocational Schools.

Six thousand gathered on University Heights yesterday to witness the eighty-second annual commencement of New York University in Gould Memorial Hall. Degrees were conferred upon 642 graduates, the largest number in the history of the institution. Honorary degrees were conferred upon eight, among them being Mayor Mitchell, who made the morning address to the graduates, and Secretary of War Garrison.

The exercises were divided into two sections, degrees being conferred in the Colleges of Arts and Pure Science, the School of Applied Science, the Washington Square College and the Graduate School in the morning. The conferring of honorary degrees and degrees in the School of Pedagogy, the School of Law, the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, the New York State Veterinary College and the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance took place in the afternoon.

The most imposing spectacle came at 3:30 o'clock, when the faculties of the university, in brilliant colored robes and gowns, marched through the campus walks and the Hall of Fame into the library.

Chancellor Brown, with the retiring dean of the university, Francis H. Stoddard, led the procession. Then came Mayor and Mrs. Mitchell, followed by Secretary of War Garrison and Mrs. Garrison, John F. Ferguson, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, and Cyrus C. Miller, former President of the Bronx.

### Oldest Grad Is There.

At the morning exercises a roll was called of graduates of fifty years or more ago. When Lewis B. Reed, who was graduated seventy-one years ago, said he had never missed an alumni banquet or class dinner in all these seventy-one years, Mayor Mitchell and the audience applauded.

In his speech he announced that one of the most important programmes contemplated by the administration was the establishment of a thorough system of vocational training in the city schools. This was the first definite statement of the opinions formed on his recent western trip. He announced that he was taking forward an elaborate plan of action in the near future.

### Many Leave Unprepared.

In outlining the need of a vocational training he pointed to the appalling number of pupils in the city schools who leave before graduation and who, he assumed, entered the world's work but ill prepared.

"40,000 children," he said, "leave each year before they complete the eighth grade. Many of them go into industries. Their training in cultural subjects is not complete. The school ought to stretch out its hand and take possession of these children for a part, at least, of their time each day. They are doing it, and doing it successfully, in Milwaukee, in Chicago, in St. Paul, and in many other cities."

"We want that too, I think, established in New York. We want the supplementary continuation school. We want it for its cultural value and we want it for its technical value in training these young men to take their places in the community."

"Now, see what happens in our public schools to-day. In our elementary public schools there are or were in the year of 1912-1913 approximately 661,000 students. In a single year there were 86,000 but in the eighth year, the graduating year of the elementary schools, out of that 86,000 there survived but 48,000."

"Forty-one thousand of the graduates qualified for entrance to the high schools, but of the 41,000 who qualified approximately 23,000 actually entered the high schools. And in the fourth year, the year of graduation, out of that high school, but 4,073 survived."

"Now, there is the mortality of the public school system of this city. Where do they go? They go somewhere. How are they equipped to do the work that they take up? Vast numbers of these children leave the schools under 14 years of age. Vast numbers leave the schools under 18 years of age. They find their way into business, into industries and into commerce. Is the New York school system equipping these children to participate effectively in commerce, in industry and in business?"

### Chancellor Brown Speaks.

Chancellor Brown delivered the address of the afternoon before an audience of 2,000. He spoke on public service and urged upon the graduates that they could render no public service of greater importance in these days than that a man build up a good American home.

Following Chancellor Brown's address the candidates for honorary degrees were presented. The Chancellor addressed to each a few appropriate remarks.

The following received degrees:

Mayor John Purroy Mitchell, doctor of laws.  
Secretary of War Lindley M. Garrison, who was formerly Chancellor of New Jersey, doctor of laws.

Ex-Judge David Leventritt of the Supreme Court, who is now chairman of the committee on character for admission to the bar in the First Judicial district, doctor of laws.  
Prof. Charles Schuchert of Yale University, an authority on paleontology, doctor of laws.

Dr. Francis Hovey Stoddard, dean of arts and science of New York University, doctor of laws.

terian Church for the last ten years, doctor of divinity.

### Awards of Prizes.

The prizes in the University College were awarded by Dean Francis Hovey Stoddard, Ph. D., to the following:

A. Ogden Butler Classical Fellowship—Francis M. Harrance.  
A. Ogden Butler Philosophical Fellowship—Isaac Z. Todd.  
A. Ogden Butler Euclidean Prize—First: Charles H. Nixon, Jr.; second: Everett E. Gardner.  
Herman Kilder German Prize—Israel Lavenburg.  
William H. Inman Fellowship—Bruce Robinson Silver.  
S. F. B. Morse Medal in Physics—Lawrence L. Bristol, Jr.  
George Augustus Sandham Orator Prize—First: Ubaldo J. Marra; second: Joseph Spach Adami.  
Frederick Seward Gibson Prize—Abraham Singer.  
Shorborne Vernon Damerel Prize—William Aloysius Lynch.  
Class of 1907 Debating Medal—First: Arthur Parsons Lewin; second: Daniel Stern Schwartz; third: Abraham Morris Fabian.

The prizes in the school of applied science were awarded by Dean Charles H. Snow, Sc. D., as follows:

William A. Hoe, Jr., Sanitary Engineering Prize—George Harold Bogart.  
Samuel B. Duryea Fellowship—John S. Simons Colwell.  
William G. Inman Fellowship—Bruce Robinson Silver.

### In the School of Law.

The examination prizes and scholarships in the school of law were awarded by Dean Clarence D. Ashley, J. D., LL. D., as follows:

**DAY DIVISION.**  
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HEAT WAVE HITS CITY;  
IS SEVEREST AT 5 P. M.

Visitor From London Dies—  
Thermometer Registers  
87 in Street.

The influence of the abnormally high temperature that has been withering things in the middle West was felt in this neighborhood yesterday when the sun was putting on his roseate pajamas preparatory to going to bed. The official mercury got up to 81 at 6 P. M. and stayed there nearly an hour. Surcharged with moisture, the air seemed hotter than it was, especially down in the breezy places between the big buildings, where thermometers registered, even in the shade, from 85 to 87.

The humidity and heat overcame Alexander Ronald of London at Eighteenth street and Broadway, and he was taken to Bellevue, where he died. He arrived Monday by the Atlantic Transport liner Minnehaha and on the trip fell and dislocated an elbow. He was treated by Dr. Peter Gibson of the Hotel Latham where he had been stopping, and the pain of his injury contributed to his collapse.

Reports from the West and Southwest indicated that the heat was moderating there, although St. Louis still had a maximum temperature of 98. Twelve deaths and many prostrations occurred in Chicago. A breeze from the lake brought relief to that city last night. The maximum temperature was 84. In Pittsburgh, where the official thermometer registered 95, there were two deaths and many prostrations. Study in the public schools was suspended.

The national prophecy calls for fair skies hereabout to-day. The theme of temperature is not mentioned, but the local forecasters say it may be warmer than it was yesterday.

### PRIZE WINNERS AT MARYMOUNT.

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The ex-Mayor of Rome is a tall, well put together man with silver gray hair and mustache. He is on the sunny side of 70. He talks right at you, and when he says a thing the listener realizes that it is finished as far as the speaker is concerned.

"I simply made a flying visit to California," Signor Nathan continued, "to arrange with the exposition authorities regarding the Italian exhibit. The officials of San Francisco and of the exposition were most kind, affectionate and hospitable."

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## DIPLOMAS ARE AWARDED TO 248 GRADUATES AT VASSAR

Ovation for Former President James Monroe Taylor  
—Alumnae in Black Caps and Gowns and Simple  
White Dresses—The Prize Winners.

POUGHKEEPSIE, June 10.—Vassar College closed for the season to-day, with an ovation to its former president, Dr. James Monroe Taylor, who awarded diplomas to the 248 members of the graduating class.

The exercises were held in the chapel. Dr. Taylor and the Rev. W. C. P. Rhodes of Brooklyn, president of the board of trustees, and the faculty sat on the platform. The procession, consisting of the graduating class, the alumnae, the faculty, the trustees and their guests, entered the chapel led by the general marshal and the student marshal. Members of the graduating class took their places in the front pews of the chapel and the alumnae and the guests occupied the side pews.

Papers were read by Miss Lois Treadwell of Poughkeepsie on "Psychology and Vocal Guidance," Irma Waterhouse on "Mental Hygiene," Edith Hill on "American Drama," Elizabeth Bassett French on "A Young Lady's Seminary and a Woman's College," and Adeline Mae Desale on "Women and Chemistry."

**Honors to College Thanked.**  
In announcing the various gifts that have been bestowed on the college Dr. Taylor spoke feelingly of the spirit that prompted the donors. As each graduate received her diploma she changed the tassel from the right side of her cap, where it is worn before she becomes a graduate, to the left side.

The twenty-five ushers in the chapel for the commencement exercises were chosen from the sophomore class. They were attired in soft white frocks and wore white pumps. Each usher had a little bow of the Vassar colors, pink and gray, pinned to her blouse.

Leading the commencement procession was the marshal of commencement day, Louise Bouknight Poppenheim, '89. Then came the alumnae, marching two by two. Miss Margaret Armstrong, marshal of the graduating class, led the next division. Following her, marching in couples, came the great column of graduates. Every one wore the black cap and gown over a simple white dress.

**Awards of Honors.**  
Awards of honors were announced as follows:  
The Erminie A. Smith prize in geology is awarded to Mary Hayes Rice of the graduating class.  
Helen H. Schmitt, graduate student, Margaret Elliott of the class of 1914 and Almee S. Vanneman of the graduating class are to use the Vassar tables of the Woods Hole laboratory for the summer of 1914.

The Virginia Swinburn Bownell prizes are awarded as follows:  
In physiology to Annabelle Dunning, in biology to Celia Reading Jordan, in history to Dorothy Deming, in political economy to Margaret Graham and Annie Lanier Green, with honorable mention of Mary Pemberton Nourse, all of the graduating class.

The William Borden Memorial Fund is awarded to Mary Pemberton Nourse of the graduating class.  
The four honorary non-resident fellowships are awarded to the following members of the graduating class:  
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## PLAN TO MAKE WILSON TAKE RELIGIOUS STAND

Reformed Church Urges Invitation to Annual Union Thanks-giving Service.

ABURY PARK, N. J., June 10.—The Reformed Church Synod to-day took 1214 a tack in its move against the attendance of the President on the Roman Catholic mass in Washington on Thanksgiving Day. Unwilling to be put in the position of criticizing the Chief Executive, they met through a resolution calling upon the executive committee of the Federal Council of the Church of Christ in America to organize in the capital a united service of all the Protestant churches represented in the council (there are thirty-nine denominations affiliated and to invite the President, Vice-President and Cabinet to attend. The plan is to force the President to go on record as favoring one or the other. The resolution was adopted with enthusiastic acclamation.

The text of the resolution is as follows: We are aware of the political influence which the Roman Catholic Church is attempting to exert by inviting persons in high position to attend its services, especially on Thanksgiving Day.

Resolved, That we view with serious apprehension the political prestige given such Church by the repeated acceptance of the invitation; and that the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, acting on the venture of the particular Synod of Chicago in reference to the attendance